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New Chairman Elected to the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority

PUEBLO, Colo. – Arthur Bosworth II, has been elected as the new Chairman of the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority. Bosworth, 70, replaces Vince Vigil, who was term limited after 16 years on the board, 12 years as its chairman.

“Vince Vigil has been an integral part of the State Fair and has helped shape the Fair into Colorado’s largest summer event. While he’ll be missed, I’m confident that Art Bosworth will continue to help take the State Fair in a positive direction,” said State Fair General Manager, Chris Wiseman. “Art shares our dedication to youth and agriculture and has been a valuable member of our board for the past five years.”

Bosworth recognizes the value of agriculture to Colorado and the U.S., and the necessity of educating others about its importance. He is a fourth-generation Coloradan and is serving his second term on the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority. His family raised horses on the Boulder County property they’ve owned for over 100 years. He has also served as a National Western Stock Show trustee for 25 years.

Bosworth received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver in 1970. Prior to entering private practice, Bosworth distinguished himself as Chief Deputy District Attorney in Denver, and later as a First Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Colorado. Bosworth entered private practice in 1976 and is now practicing at Dill and Dill in Denver.

“Agriculture is the foundation of this great state and the Colorado State Fair is the centerpiece of ag education for the Colorado Department of Agriculture. The Fair is more than carnivals and cotton candy to me; it’s about tradition, education, and agriculture. I look forward to this exciting new challenge,” said Bosworth.

The Colorado State Fair is governed by the state’s Commissioner of Agriculture, John Salazar, and an 11-member Board of Authority that includes members from all areas of Colorado. Board members possess diverse professional backgrounds and work closely with the Fair General Manager, Chris Wiseman.

The 2014 Colorado State Fair, August 22 - September 1, will mark the Fair's 142nd year as Colorado's premier celebration of agriculture. The Fairgrounds provides nearly \$34 million in economic activity to Colorado throughout the year; \$29 million of that activity is driven by the annual State Fair event. In addition to showcasing Colorado agriculture, the annual event features one of the country’s largest traveling carnivals, artwork, crafts, food competitions, thrilling rodeo action, a wide variety of food and merchandise booths and a Fiesta Day honoring Colorado's ties to the Hispanic culture.

For more on the Colorado State Fair, visit www.coloradostaterfair.com.

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Editor’s Note: A photo of Bosworth is available by emailing Christi.Lightcap@state.co.us